

The Grant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, August 16, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Conrad opened in prayer. Judge Link led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV, and Charlie Phillips. Judge Link updated on the one deletion to the Agenda.

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Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the August 02, 2004, meeting as presented

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link welcomed the guests who were present and asked if anyone would like to address the Court. Charlie Phillips asked about the Ordinance regarding Driveways calling for 300 feet. He understood that there were some changes being discussed and he inquired about the changes. Judge Link explained that the Transportation Section regarding Driveways in the Ordinance was being rewritten and the proposed draft has already been given to the Court to review and to offer back any suggestions they may have regarding the changes before putting it on the Agenda for approval. He also stated that it must first go before the Planning Commission for their debate and approval before Fiscal Court takes action. He updated on the timeline for this and stated that if the Planning Commission took action on this during their meeting in September and it was approved by them, he would put it on Fiscal Court Agenda in October. Mr. Phillips requested a copy of the changes and was told that he could have a copy at his home address, P. O. Box 385, Dry Ridge, Kentucky 41035. He also asked about the lowest possible speed limit that could be

set for county roads and mentioned 25 MPH as on Heathen Ridge Road. He feels that roads like Baton Rouge Road and Barnes Road would be higher than that, and asked if we knew. Judge Link did not know off hand, but said more than likely the majority of the roads in Grant County that the Court has set will be set at 25 MPH or 35 MPH. Judge Link also stated that he has been informed by the Larue County Judge that there was a KRS that visited that issue, and it says all roads are set at 35 MPH. He said that Fiscal Court thought all roads were 55 MPH unless set differently by Fiscal Court. He has asked the Larue County Judge to email the KRS to him so he could review it and also give to the County Attorney to review to make sure that indeed is true. He again stated that all of our roads were going to be 25 or 35 MPH. He also stated that you will find some roads are 20 MPH in subdivisions because of the Cul-de-Sac at the end of the road because of density, and people walking on the roadsides etc.. Mr. Phillips said that some are set so low that nobody obeys them and the governing bodies has made lawbreakers out of us all and he is concerned about that. Judge Link explained that in the Matrix Mr. Phillips would see when he gets it, that in regards to the driveway and the closeness of that driveway, it will be to your benefit that it be set at the lowest because 25 MPH allows 50 feet and 35 MPH allows 85 feet. Mr. Phillips stated that a road that is wide enough to handle 35-40 MPH should be set that way and a road that is one lane like Assembly Church Road or Heathen Ridge Road, set it for single wide traffic. He is concerned about laws that make habitual lawbreakers out of people as well as laws that let people have property rights. Judge Link stated that hopefully we are not making lawbreakers out of anyone, and if anyone is concerned and would like to put that concern into action, certainly we can make available to all the roads, the speed limits set on those roads, and he will be glad to meet with Mr. Phillips or anyone else until the cows come home to debate on whether the speed is set properly or not. He believes that they are, but it is certainly open for review and discussion.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims and transfers in the General Expense

Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund, and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of August, 2004, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0141 thru 01-0206 in the amount of \$91,939.42 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0049 thru 02-0080 in the amount of \$144,555.99 paid out of the Road Fund, Claims No. 03-1183 thru 03-1226 in the amount of \$60,143.60 paid out of the Jail Fund, and Claim No. 04-00002 in the amount of \$500.00 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of August, 2004, along with the transfers to pay said claims as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 35-2004-551 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicants Scott and Tammy Long and Charles E. and Geneva Long, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved.

They are as follows:

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 35-2004-551 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for said applicants, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the Building Inspector's Report for July. No action is required.

It is as follows: He also presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for July.

No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented the proposed tax rates for the 2004-2005 fiscal year and explained them.

He proposed that the Court lower the tax rate concerning real property and recommended that we take the Compensating rate that was recommended by D.L.G. and also recommended that the Court accept the Compensating rate on everything else. He stated that we are able to again lower the rates with no loss of service to our citizens.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered by the Court to lower the tax rate and order that the Compensating Tax Rate of Fifteen and 3 Tenths (0.153) as proposed by DLG on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) valuation of all taxable real estate property, and that the Ad Valorem Tax of Fifteen and Three Tenths (0.153) on all taxable personal property which is based on the Compensating Tax Rate on real property, and Fifteen and Seven Tenths (0.157) on all taxable motor vehicles and all taxable watercraft vehicles for county purposes on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) calculation as recommended by DLG, be, and the same are hereby levied for the General Fund of Grant County, Kentucky, for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The same to be collected by the Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law. Said tax rate levied not subject to recall or hearing.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered by the Court that the Compensating tax Rate of One Cent (0.01) on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) valuation of all taxable real estate property be subjected to taxation for county purposes, and the same is hereby levied for the Grant County Soil Conservation District of Grant County, Kentucky, for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The same is to be collected by the Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law. Said tax rate levied not subject to recall or hearing.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and

Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered by the Court that the real property tax of One and Three Tenths (0.013) which is the Compensating Tax Rate on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) valuation of all taxable real property, and that the personal property tax of One and Three Tenths (\$0.013) which is based on the Compensating Tax Rate on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) valuation of all taxable personal property; and that the tax rate of One and Six Tenths (0.016) which is the Compensating Tax Rate on all taxable Motor Vehicles and all taxable Watercraft Vehicles, be, and the same are hereby levied for the Grant County Mental Health District of Grant County, Kentucky, for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The same to be collected by the Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law. Said tax rate levied not subject to hearing or recall.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered by the Court that a Tax Levy of Three Cents (\$0.03) Per Acre be levied upon all Forest lands as shown upon the Grant County Property Valuation Administrator Tax Rolls for the 2004-2005 fiscal year for fire protection, and the same to be collected by the Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, and be accounted therefore by him according to law.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link updated that the county has a new Web Site and that it was built at no cost to the County by taking advantage of Ky.gov who are in the business of building government web sites. We are also the first county in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to build thru them and we hope now to be able to get more information out to the public, whether they be in Grant County or

visiting or interested in looking for jobs or even moving to Grant County. There is a lot of information provided on the Web Site, and we hope to make it interactive and provide more information and services so people won't even have to leave their homes where as now they have to drive to the Courthouse. Our web site is now "grantcounty.ky.gov" and we welcome any feedback. We have worked hard on it and hope it will meet the approval of everyone. He also said that you will notice on the web site that Grant County has a new logo. It is simply "G", and it will be put on the web site and on all of our vehicles. It gives us a brand and we are proud of it and hope to hear from everyone about it.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, August 30, 2004, at 5:30 P.M. and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court due to the Labor Day Holiday, will be on Tuesday, September 07, 2004, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Tuesday, September 07, 2004, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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